

## Excellence in Education & Student-Led Teaching Awards: Information Sheet

Excellence in Education is core to the University's mission and to its success. Last year, the University introduced 3 Excellence in Education Awards in parallel with 4 Student-Led Teaching Awards, introduced by the Students' Union, designed to recognise and reward excellence in Teaching and Learning. This information sheet explains the two schemes and how to nominate staff for this year's awards.

### 1. Excellence in Education Awards (for staff and student nominations)

This is the University Scheme. Both *staff and students* are eligible to nominate an individual member of staff or a team for an award under this Scheme. There are 3 categories for nomination; these are:

- Most Outstanding Contribution to the Student Experience (Academic or Professional Service staff are eligible)

**Criteria:** Is there a member of staff who exceeds expectation and makes the experience of students at the University particularly memorable? Do they go out of their way to support you and others? What do they do? Why does it have such a positive impact? This is an opportunity to nominate Academic or Professional Service staff who really make a difference to the student experience.

- Most Outstanding Contribution to Employability (Academic or Professional Service staff are eligible)

**Criteria:** Is there a member of staff who makes a substantial contribution to employability? Perhaps they are always there to support students with job applications or put them in touch with key contacts in industry, health or discipline related fields? Did they encourage students to make that extra effort and provide them with the confidence to do so? Why does what they do have such a positive impact? This is an opportunity to nominate Academic or Professional Service staff who make a positive impact on the employability of students.

- Most Engaging Teacher (Academic staff only)

**Criteria:** Is there a member of staff who teaches content in unique, inspiring ways? Do they make learning stimulating and exciting? What do they do, and why is it different? This is an opportunity to nominate an Academic staff member who takes an inventive approach to teaching.

Panels will judge the nominations and determine the winner of each award. The three overall award winners will be invited to a celebratory event (usually the Chancellor's Dinner) in the summer and form the shortlist for an overall Excellence in Education Award, to be presented on the night.

The deadline for nominations is: Friday 7th April 2017

Please return forms to: [ExcellenceInEducation@gre.ac.uk](mailto:ExcellenceInEducation@gre.ac.uk)

### Student-Led Teaching Awards (for student nominations only)

Only students are eligible to nominate an individual member of staff for a Student-Led Teaching award. There are 4 categories for nomination per faculty; these are:

#### - Outstanding Personal Tutor Award

**Criteria:** Does your personal tutor support you and understand the different challenges students face? Are they able to accommodate your needs as a student by using a variety of communication methods e.g. more than just by email? Do they make themselves available to their tutees? Do you think that they deserve recognition for the extra effort they put in to support you? This is an opportunity to show how much you appreciate the hard work your personal tutor goes through to support their tutees.

#### - Inspirational Teaching Award

**Criteria:** Does the teaching on your course inspire you? Maybe because of an exceptional lecturer or tutor who really engages through their passion and expertise in the subject? Do they know how to make content interesting so that it motivates students to perform the best they can. Their teaching gets students really interested in the course, by providing them the opportunity to think differently and critically. The teacher may be an expert in their area and inspire students with up to date, research-led teaching. The teacher may go out of their way to help students, acknowledging that some students need extra support.

#### - Supervisor of the Year

**Criteria:** Who has been instrumental to your success in your project/dissertation/thesis? For those personal supervisors, dissertation supervisors or research supervisors that go above and beyond to promote a brilliant student experience. Supervisors that are approachable, accessible but also proactive in offering help and support for students. They will be highly skilled in resolving a range of student issues as well as offering excellent personal development opportunities for students. **Supervisors for all academic levels are eligible for this award.**

#### - Extra Mile Award

**Criteria:** Is there someone at the University who, were it not for them, you wouldn't be where you are right now? Has a member of staff gone above and beyond to help you? Is your placement coordinator really good at giving you a confidence boost with every application you submit? Has a member of the Wellbeing team contributed to your success? All staff at the University of Greenwich contribute towards the student experience and this award is to recognise the hard work of ALL staff who exceed expectations to achieve this. Whether this is an employability manager, your lecturer, department administrator, a computing technician, learning technologist, librarian, an internal mentor or the security guy, we want to recognise the excellent work of these people. **Both academic and non-academic staff are eligible for this award.**

Similar to the University Awards, panels will judge the nominations and determine the winner of each award. All nominees will be notified of their nominations. The panel will choose a shortlist of three nominees for each award who will be notified and invited to attend an event where the winner for each award per faculty will be announced.

*Guidelines for Nominations:*

Nominations can be found on [www.suug.co.uk](http://www.suug.co.uk). You can nominate an individual or a group/team of staff for an award. You can also nominate more than one staff member/group/team for an award; however, a separate form must be used for each nomination.

The deadline for nominations is: **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017**